



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Hundreds of kids will compete and learn forestry at 35th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest

(COEUR D'ALENE) – Members of the news media are invited to the 35th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest. A record 555 students will spend a day in the woods learning basic forestry and natural resource management skills on three educational courses.

Idaho State Forestry Contest

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Starting at 9 a.m.

Delay Tree Farm, Careywood ID

22 miles north of Coeur d'Alene, mile marker 454, west side of Highway 95 at the sign
Park as directed

The "Novice" group (grades 2-6) will start their non-competitive introductory course at **9:10 a.m.** The "Rookie" contest (grades 5-6) starts at **9:45 a.m.**, and Junior and Senior groups (grades 7-12) will compete starting at **9:30 a.m.** Lunch and awards are expected to end by **2 p.m.**

ABOUT THE CONTEST

A record 555 students from towns all over Idaho, from Bonners Ferry to Boise, will compete in courses that include log scaling; timber cruising; tree and plant identification; map reading; compass reading and pacing; tool identification; soils and water quality; tree health; silviculture; and noxious weeds.

More than 200 volunteers are participating in the contest this year.

The contest is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). It is made possible through the support of many individuals and public and private organizations. A complete list of donors is included below. A new gift of \$2,500 from NRCS enabled contest organizers to purchase new equipment that will help coaches teach their students about forestry.

Ray Delay, Jr. was chosen as the contest's 2017 Honorary Chairman. The Forestry Contest has been hosted by the Delay family since it began, and Ray Jr. has been directly involved for nearly that long, too. Delay Tree Farm has been owned by the Delay family for exactly 100 years.

VISUALS FROM PREVIOUS CONTESTS

- **VIDEO:** A three-minute video showing kids busy at the 2014 Idaho State Forestry Contest is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kxPegqTD58&feature=youtu.be>
- **PHOTOS:** A few photos from past contests are [attached](#).

More information on the Idaho State Forestry Contest is available on the IDL web site here:

<http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/contest/index.html>

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